REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE June 5, 2013

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: DONATION FROM THE DILLER-VON FURSTENBERG FAMILY FOUNDATION TO THE LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION FOR THE PHASE II REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS AT VARIOUS RECREATION AND PARKS FACILITIES

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Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept as a gift to the City of Los Angeles, the refurbishment (repair and upgrade) of six (6) full-courts and three (3) half-courts existing outdoor basketball courts ("Courts") at five (5) City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks ("RAP") recreation centers. The funding is provided by the Diller Foundation, DBA the Diller-von Furstenberg Family Foundation ("DvFFF"), to the Los Angeles Parks Foundation ("LAPF") with a value of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Sixty Dollars ($190,060.00), and that appropriate recognition be given to DvFFF and LAPF.

SUMMARY:

To further its goal of positively impacting the world by improving people's lives and strengthening communities, DvFFF is committed to providing funds to RAP and LAPF for the refurbishment of potentially up to fifty (50) outdoor Courts, to be accomplished through several Phases (Board Report No. 12-203, approved June 20, 2012). DvFFF has agreed to donate the Court refurbishment funds to LAPF for the benefit of RAP and park patrons. The three (3) parties confer and agree upon sites needing the refurbishment work for each Phase, and then LAPF manages and completes the refurbishment work through contracts with licensed contractors, with review and assistance of RAP.

Phase I, completed in June 2012, included the refurbishment of four (4) Courts at Venice Beach
Recreation Center valued at $141,385.00. For Phase II, DvFFF has donated $190,060.00 to refurbish six full-courts and 3 half-courts ("Improvements") at five RAP recreation centers. The Court refurbishments began in February 2013 and were completed in May 2013. Through the successes of Phases I and II, staff anticipates subsequent phases moving in a similar manner.

The Phase II Improvements include the repair and upgrade of six (6) full-courts and three (3) half-courts, including the installation of new asphalt surfaces, acrylic accents (perimeter, lines, and/or key areas), cantilevered goal posts, tempered glass backboards, breakaway goal rings, nylon nets, and needed individual site-specific improvement(s). The Courts refurbished under Phase II are at Glassell Park (one (1) full-court and one (1) half-court with an estimated refurbishment value of $21,888.00); Sepulveda Recreation Center (one (1) full-court and one (1) half-court, $58,276.00); Mount Carmel Recreation Center (one (1) full-court and one (1) half-court, $45,940.00); Lafayette Park (two (2) full-courts, $40,250.00); Victory-Vineland Recreation Center (one (1) full-court, $23,706.00).

The continuing collaboration among RAP, DvFFF and LAPF for this multi-phase program of refurbishing outdoor courts tremendously benefits communities and the patrons participating in our park programs. As Staff discussions with LAPF regarding the identification of Phase III sites have been initiated, Staff looks forward to additional refurbishments funded by DvFFF for Phase III and beyond.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Staff has evaluated the Courts refurbished under Phase II, and determined that every site involves the refurbishment of existing basketball facilities with negligible or no expansion of use beyond that already existing, and further determined that there are no unusual environmental conditions present, such as historic resources or sensitive habitats at any of the sites that would be impacted by the refurbishment of each Court, individually or cumulatively. Therefore, the court refurbishment at each site is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Region Operations staff and maintenance staff support the recommendations set forth in this report.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There will be no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund as the proposed Improvements will be funded by DvFFF and installed by LAPF at no cost to the City.

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